

## How does AP English Language & Composition differ from AP English Literature?

JUNIOR YEAR	SENIOR YEAR
Language	Literature
<p>Principal Academic Focus: rhetorical criticism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the four major elements of rhetorical theory:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ situation</li> <li>○ audience</li> <li>○ pisteis (means of persuasion—ethos, pathos, logos)</li> <li>○ the five canons (invention, arrangement, style, memory, and delivery)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Principal Academic Focus: literary criticism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• historical</li> <li>• formal</li> <li>• reader-response</li> <li>• mimetic</li> <li>• intertextual/archetypal</li> <li>• poststructural/deconstruction</li> <li>• historical II</li> <li>• gender studies</li> <li>• psychoanalytic</li> <li>• Marxist</li> <li>• Postcolonial</li> </ul>
<p>Reading: Analyze how an author’s rhetoric and style create meaning</p>	<p>Reading: Analyze how an author’s imaginative and artistic language create meaning</p>
<p>Writing: teaches and requires students to write on a variety of subjects (e.g., public policies, popular culture, personal experiences) and include narrative, expository, analytical, and argumentative essays</p>	<p>Writing: teaches and requires students to write on the critical analysis of literature and include expository, analytical, and argumentative essays</p>
<p>Primary Text: nonfiction (includes nonfiction essays in the areas of journalism, political writing, science writing, nature writing, autobiography/biographies, diaries, history, criticism)</p>	<p>Primary Text: fiction (includes poetry, short stories, drama, novels)</p>
<p>Secondary Text: fiction</p>	<p>Secondary Text: Nonfiction</p>

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Language Exam	Literature Exam
<p>Multiple Choice:</p> <p>60 minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>employs multiple-choice questions to test the students' skills in analyzing the rhetoric of prose passages</li> </ul>	<p>Multiple Choice:</p> <p>60 minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>employs multiple-choice questions that test the student's critical reading of selected passages from literature in English (British and American) written from the sixteenth century to the present</li> <li>expects students to be familiar with the common terms of literary analysis, to have strong reading comprehension and analysis skills, and to have some familiarity with classical mythology and the more popular parts of the Old and New Testaments (they always will be literary, not doctrinal)</li> </ul>
<p>Essay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15-minute reading period to read the sources for the synthesis essay and plan a response, and 120 minutes for three essay questions</li> <li>The exam measures students' expository and analytical writing skills.</li> <li>Students must demonstrate that they can do the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyze how an author's rhetoric and style create meaning.</li> <li>Analyze how an author develops an argument or idea.</li> <li>Create a persuasive argument.</li> <li>Synthesize information from a variety of sources.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>Essay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>120 minutes for three essay questions</li> <li>The exam requires writing as a direct measure of the student's ability to read and interpret literature and to use other forms of discourse effectively.</li> <li>The form of the exams has been one essay on a passage of poetry, one essay on a passage of prose, and one open-ended essay on a topic allowing the student to choose an appropriate novel or play.</li> </ul>
<p>Performance on the essay section of the exam counts for 55 percent of the total grade; performance on the multiple-choice section, 45 percent.</p>	<p>Performance on the essay section of the exam counts for 55 percent of the total grade; performance on the multiple-choice section, 45 percent.</p>
<p>Although some schools differ in policy, a student presenting a grade of 3 or higher on the AP English Language and Composition Exam might expect to receive credit for a college composition course.</p>	<p>Although some schools differ in policy, a student presenting a grade of 3 or higher on the AP English Literature and Composition Exam might expect to receive credit for an introduction to literature course.</p>